

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
Application to Kenichiro ASANO et al.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Japanese patent application nos. 2002-256160 filed August 30, 2002 and 2002-256161 filed August 30, 2002, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.